

memorandum

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DATE: July 7, 1992

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Red Wolf Coordinator, FWS, Asheville, NC

SUBJECT: Monthly activity report - June 1992

TO: Regional Director, FWS, Atlanta, GA (FWE/SE)
Attention: Mr. Dave Flemming

I would like to correct the subject of the last monthly report. It was erroneously titled for April and should have been titled for May.

Following are my accomplishments for the month of June:

Southern Appalachians Reintroduction - I gave presentations to the Supervisor's staff of the Cherokee National Forest in Tennessee and to personnel of the Wayah Ranger district of the Nantahala National Forest in North Carolina to initiate efforts to possibly include national forest lands in the reintroduction. Personnel of the Nashville office and several field offices of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency also attended the presentation I gave to the Cherokee National Forest personnel. I participated in a second meeting of the Communications Committee for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park reintroduction to inform the committee of first-year results and second-year plans. The information was well received by all participants, including the Farm Bureau (they have opposed the project), who stated that they were well pleased with our coordination efforts and our second-year plans to progress slowly while building our data base. I spent two days assisting in the construction of an acclimation pen for the second family group to be released this fall outside of Cades Cove. I completed the performance evaluation and performance plan for the biologist for next year.

Alligator River Reintroduction - I submitted a request to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for funding from the red wolf fund for the purchase of a vehicle. This request has been put on hold for later revision.

Island Propagation - I spent a week cooperating in the filming of a video on the red wolf by Amway Corporation in partnership with the National Wildlife Federation (Federation). This video is one of three parts of an endangered species video to be made available through the Federation's educational catalog to school children in grades 3-5. Amway donated a location fee of \$1,500 to the red wolf fund of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

General - I sent a letter to the Director of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission requesting a meeting to advise them regarding our plans to evaluate expansion of the Alligator River reintroduction westward and incorporation of national forests into the Southern Appalachians Reintroduction. This letter also addressed our desire to further discuss recommended closure of coyote hunting and trapping

seasons in eastern North Carolina. I distributed a draft manuscript for presentation at the Wolf Symposium '92 entitled "The Origin and Fate of the Red Wolf" to the recovery team for review and input. I also included seven other publications providing background information. The recovery plan approved in 1990 was finally distributed to 149 people. In making a pen and ink correction several printing problems were encountered. I sent letters to major groups involved in proposed wolf reintroductions soliciting summaries of their criteria and considerations for reintroductions for a discussion session at Wolf Symposium '92. These letters were sent to Ulie Seal of IUCN; Dave Mech; Dave Parsons, the Mexican Wolf Coordinator; and Steven Fritts, the Northern Rocky Mountain Wolf Coordinator. I filled a couple of literature information requests and sent a response answering the questions of a concerned individual regarding wolf reintroduction. I also coordinated the loan of red wolf material to the University of Arkansas.

There are no changes from the May report regarding populations and locations.

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